years. The total cost of the project is approx. Rs. 84 crores plus a component of U.K. £ 5.22 million for foreign training, consultancy and equipment. About ten percent of the total project outlay is earmarked for training of local people and the forest department staff.

(b) More than 1000 persons have been trained in the project area at village level, including field staff, local user groups and NGOs. Training was organised for middle and senior level officers at Bangalore from 7-3-94 to 11-3-94 in which foreign experts participated. Ashoka Hotel at Bangalore, which is a Govt. hotel, was chosen as the venue because of the availability of necessary conference facilities. Officials are sent abroad for specialised training courses only

(c) The training programmes organised by the project are demand-led and need-based to meet the requirements of the objectives set out in the project. All care is taken to ensure that the funds are judiciously spent to achieve the objectives of the project.

Forests cover in the county

6612. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) how much of the total area is under the forests, cover in the country and in the state of Haryana particularly;

(b) the plants of Government to cover more areas in Haryana as the state is lagging behind in this aspect;

(c) whether Government have prepared a plan to save the Aravali Hill Area from degradation and pollutions if so the details in this regard; and

(d) whether Government of Haryana and Government of India are fully cooperating and coordinating in the matter of enforcement of environment Regulations in the Aravali Hill and other areas if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) According to the State of forest Report, 1993, total Forest cover in the country and in the State of Haryana is 640, 167 Sq. Km. and 513 Sq. Km. respectively.

(b) During VIIth Plan period, an area of 159346.50 ha. was afforestated in Haryana. While during the last four years *i.e.* from 1990-91 to 1993-94, details of area covered under afforestation are as belows:—

(in ha.)

S. No.	Year	Area covered under afforestation
1.	1990-91	40094.00
2.	1991-92	31551.00
3.	1992-93	34826.00
4.	1993-94	33823.00

(c) Yes, Sir. A project entitled 'Rehabilitation of Common Lands in the Aravalis' is being implemented in the four southern districts of Haryana *viz.* Bhiwani, Mahendergarh, Gurgaon and Faridabad, since 1990. The total project outlay is Rs. 48 crores for 8 year period. It aims at environmental protection and restoration of green cover in the semi-arid Aravali Hills and improvement of the living conditions of the local people in meeting their subsistence biomass needs. An area of 17850 ha. has been covered and an expenditure of Rs. 30.92 crores has been incurred by Dec. 1993. The total area to be covered during the project period is 33000 ha.

(d) Yes, Sir.